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The Honorable Randy Ligon
P. O. Box 4815
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Dear Representative Ligon,

My name is Chief Tommy White with Lesslie Fire Rescue, and I have served with Lesslie for 43 years with the last eight being chief. During your recent visit to our barbeque, you inquired if there was anything we could use funds for. As times change, the department needs change. We recently began construction on a training tower where we acquired six telephone poles from the local cable company that have been set in the ground. We, however, haven't had the funds to complete the tower as most of our funds are allocated for paid, daytime staff. Being able to receive funds to complete this tower will allow us to build the tower with four floors which includes a bottom floor along with a roof. This will allow us to stay in our district to train and not have to travel eighteen miles to the training grounds. We will be able to utilize the tower to train on ladder work, repelling training (as we have firefighters training in low and high angle rescue), and have a roof prop to work on ventilation techniques. This will also allow our mutual aid partners – Oakdale and Riverview – to be close to their districts during training.

We appreciate any assistance you are able to provide our department in completing this tower and allowing us to become a more efficient fire department.

Sincerely,

Chief Tommy White